

Welcome



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to Rocks State Park!

Rocks State Park features rugged scenic beauty, characterized by massive boulders and cliffs situated along Deer Creek. Visitors can enjoy picnics, tubing and swimming in Deer Creek during the summer months. Rock climbers can test their skills at the King and Queen Seat rock formation. Outside the main area of the park is Falling Branch showcasing an impressive waterfall.



While you are enjoying the park, please help us protect its natural and historic resources by following Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics.



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King & Queen Seat

The King and Queen Seat was once believed to be a ceremonial gathering place of the Susquehannock Indians. Visitors can see the throne like seats that are carved into the rocks. One can still feel the presence of the ancient warriors who wandered the streams and valleys of the park.

The rock formation soars above Deer Creek at a height of 190 feet. Today, the natural rock outcrops provide breathtaking views, as well as a challenge to the skilled climber. There are many vertical rock faces on the outcrop some of which are as high as 94 feet.



Use caution when visiting this area, as rocks can be slippery.



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Kilgore Falls

Falling Branch Area

Falling Branch is an environmentally sensitive area, located five miles north of Rocks. It is the home of Kilgore Falls, Maryland's second highest vertical drop waterfall. On a hot summer day, you can enjoy refreshing cool mist created by the falls.

Caution: visitors who participate in water activities are doing so in unprotected waters. No lifeguards are on duty. Pets on a leash are welcome in this area.

Rocks State Park

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Park Guidelines and Regulations

- The park is open daily, year-round. Reduced services are available during the winter months.
- A service charge is required for some park facilities and programs. Current service charge information can be obtained at the park office.
- Pets on a leash are welcome in all areas of the park with the exception of the picnic areas.
- Alcoholic beverages are only permitted at the picnic tables in the picnic areas.
- Remember, our park is Trash-free. Trash cans are not available. Pack it in, pack it out!
- Please report any problems to a park employee or call Park Watch at 1-800-825-7275.



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Picnicking

Visitors enjoy the varied scenic beauty of three picnic areas at Rocks State Park. The picnic areas are open from May to September.

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 Rocks State Park features three picnic areas: Hills Grove, Wilsons, and Rock Ridge. Picnic tables, grills, playground equipment and restrooms are conveniently located in each of these areas. Hills Grove Picnic Area is accessible.



Pavilions

Each of the picnic areas has a pavilion with lights, electric outlets, a large barbecue pit and picnic tables to seat 150 people. Pavilions may be used by permit only for various activities such as weddings, reunions, company picnics, etc.

To make pavilion reservations, call Park-Reservations at 1-888-432-2267. Or make your reservation on the Internet: reservations.dnr.state.md.us

Recreation

Multi-use Trails

Several miles of scenic trails connect various points of interest and picnic areas in the park.

Swimming - Tubing - Paddling

Deer Creek offers many opportunities for wading, tubing and canoeing. The stream allows visitors to experience a leisurely tube ride or the possibility of a short class III rapid canoe trip. Beautiful scenery and the chance to see wildlife in their natural setting can be enjoyed.

Fishing

Deer Creek is designated as a put and take trout fishing area. Anglers are welcome to fish Deer Creek at Rocks State Park.

Fishing at Hidden Valley Natural Area

This undeveloped tract of land, administered by Rocks State Park, is located five miles north of the park. A short trail leading back to Deer Creek provides access to this catch and return trout fishing area. Parking is provided for 8 to 10 cars. There are no picnic tables, grills or restroom facilities in this area.

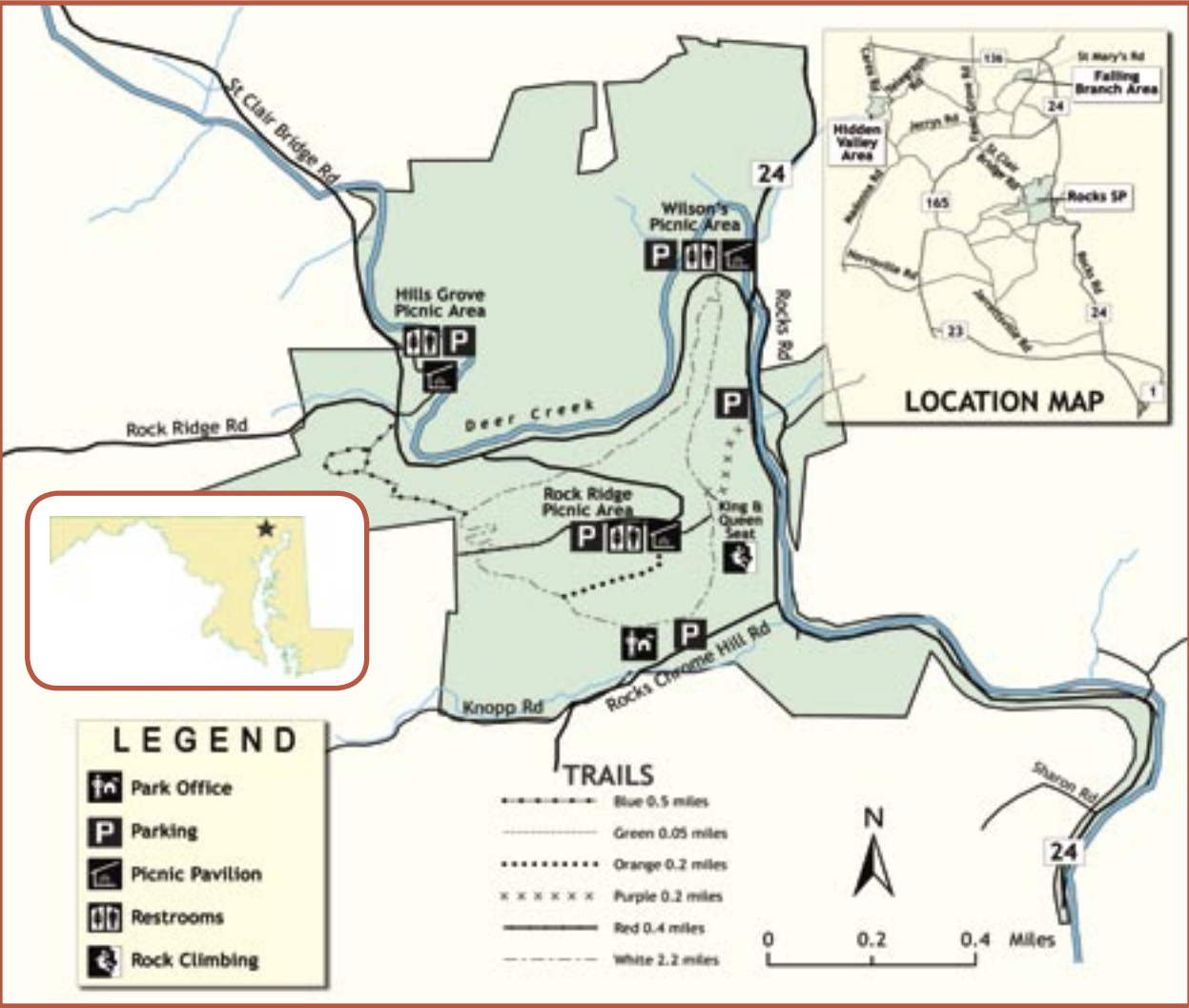
A Freshwater Fishing License and trout stamp are required to fish Deer Creek. For season information visit www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries

Rock Climbing - Rappelling

For decades the height of the King and Queen Seat rock formation has beckoned travelers to climb the rocks. Many established routes exist in the park from easy scrambles to the highest technical challenges. Only individuals with experience should attempt to climb these areas. Seek professional instruction before attempting to climb more difficult areas.



Pack it in, pack it out! Never leave litter, food or used fishing lines in the state park.



Hunting

A designated area of the park is open to bow hunting for white-tailed deer. Contact the park office for maps and regulations or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide.

Become a Volunteer

Rocks State Park offers many volunteer opportunities, such as trail maintenance, historical interpretation, education, office help and park events. You can also become a Volunteer Ranger and assist Park Personnel with routine park functions and special events. If you are interested in becoming a park volunteer, contact the park office at 410-557-7994 for more information.

Directions

From I-95, take Exit 77. Follow Route 24 north through Bel Air, Rock Spring and Forest Hill. The park is located approximately 5 miles north of Forest Hill.

To Falling Branch: from Rocks State Park continue north on Route 24 turn left on St. Mary's Rd then right on Falling Branch Rd proceed to the park on right.

To Hidden Valley Natural Area: from Rocks State Park, take St. Clair Bridge Rd, turn right on Rte 165, make the next left on Fawn Grove Rd. Turn left on Jerrys Rd then right on Madonna Rd. The area is at the intersection of Madonna, Telegraph and Carea Roads.